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Note verbale dated 16 June 2000 from the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the Committee

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan and has the honour to inform it, pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 1267 (1999), of the measures taken by France to implement paragraph 4 of that resolution.

European Union regulation No. 337/2000 of the Council of the European Union of 14 February 2000 concerning the prohibition of flights and the freezing of funds and other financial resources imposed against the Taliban of Afghanistan implements resolution 1267 (1999) in French internal law.

On the basis of that regulation, the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry is required to implement the financial measures imposed against the Taliban of Afghanistan. The Ministry of the Economy and Finance has proceeded to strengthen the coordination of the various services (Service Directorate and Directorate-General of Customs and Indirect Taxes) with the banking community. Any violation of the aforementioned European Union regulation is punishable under Act No. 66-1008 of 28 December 1966 concerning financial relations with foreign countries and under article 459 of the Customs Code, under which any contravention of, or attempt to contravene, the regulations governing financial relations with foreign countries is a crime.

It appears from the inquiries made by the Ministry of the Economy that an account of the Banka Mille Afghan was closed during the weeks following the imposition of sanctions and prior to the adoption of the European Union regulation.

Moreover, the competent French authorities, pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and European Union regulation No. 337/2000, have proceeded to freeze three accounts of the Da Afghanistan Bank amounting to a total of approximately US$ 2.1 million.

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The Permanent Mission of France would be grateful if the secretariat of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), pursuant to paragraph 9 of that resolution, would add this information to the indicative list of entities falling within the categories of financial resources referred to by the Committee in the note of its Chairman dated 12 April 2000.